1 CLAIMS

We claim:

1.) A system for gathering and managing patient medical data, comprising: a handheld computing device, said handheld computing device having loaded in memory a first computer module for gathering patient medical information, and said first computer module having a plurality of data entry screens; and

a microprocessor, said microprocessor having loaded in memory a second computer module, said second computer module having means for creating customized data entry screens for use by said first module.

- 2.) The system according to claim 1, wherein said first computer module has means for creating a natural language report and a searchable database from said medical information.
- 3.) The system according to claim 2, wherein at least one of said data entry screens has a matrix, wherein said matrix allows a user to correlate a body part with a set of modifiers.
- 4.) The system according to claim 3, wherein said second module additionally comprises a plurality of templates for creating said customized medical data entry screens.
- 5.) The system according to claim 4, wherein said second module additionally comprises means for editing all aspects of said data entry screens.
- 6.) The system according to claim 5, wherein said first module additionally comprises means to delete at least one of said data entry screens.
- 7.) The system according to claim 6, wherein at least of one said data entry screens has a list box, and wherein said second module has means for adding, deleting, and reordering items in said list box.
- 8.) The system according to claim 7, wherein said second module has means for controlling navigation between said data entry screens.
- 9.) The system according to claim 8, wherein said second module has means for controlling the syntax and structure of said natural language report.
- 10.) The system according to claim 9, wherein said second module has means for creating a customized medical data entry screen with the ability to gather specified regulatory data.
- 11.) The system according to claim 10, wherein said system is used for

- emergency medical services.
- 12.) The system according to claim 11, wherein said system additionally comprises a conduit for remote transmission of data.
- 13.) The system according to claim 12, additionally comprising a portable printer for printing out said natural language report.
- 14.) The system according to claim 13, wherein said second module has means for flagging certain data items as relevant for specific purposes
- 15.) The system according to claim 14, wherein said searchable database has a plurality of items, and wherein each such item has a unique identifier.
- 16.) A software application for gathering and managing patient medical data, comprising:

 a first computer module for gathering patient medical information on a handheld computing device, said first computer module having a plurality of data entry screens; and a second computer module for creating customized medical data entry screens for use by said first module.
- 17.) The software application according to claim 16, wherein said first computer module has means for creating a natural language report and a searchable database from said medical information.
- 18.) The software application according to claim 17, wherein at least one of said data entry screens has a matrix, wherein said matrix allows a user to correlate a body part with a set of modifiers.
- 19.) The software application according to claim 18, wherein said second module additionally comprises a plurality of templates for creating said customized medical data entry screens.
- 20.) The software application according to claim 19, wherein said second module additionally comprises means for editing all aspects of said data entry screens.
- 21.) The software application according to claim 20, wherein said first module additionally comprises means to delete at least one of said data entry screens.
- 22.) The software application according to claim 21, wherein at least of one said data entry screens has a list box, and wherein said second module has means for adding, deleting, and reordering items in said list box.
- 23.) The software application according to claim 22, wherein said second

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- module has means for controlling navigation between said data entry screens.
- 24.) The software application according to claim 23, wherein said second module has means for controlling the syntax and structure of said natural language report.
- 25.) The software application according to claim 24, wherein said searchable database has a plurality of items, and wherein each such item has a unique identifier.
- 26.) A method for gathering patient medical data, said method comprising the steps of:

gathering patient medical information using a first computer module on a handheld computing device, said first computer module having a plurality of data entry screens; and

creating customized medical data entry screens for use by said first module using a second computer module.

- 27.) The method according to claim 26, additionally comprising the step of creating a natural language report and a searchable database from said medical information using said first computer module.
- 28.) The method according to claim 27, additionally comprising the step of using a matrix to correlate a body part with a set of modifiers.
- 29.) The method according to claim 28, additionally comprising the step of using a template within said second computer module in creating customized medical data entry screens.
- 30.) The method according to claim 29, additionally comprising the step of editing one of said data entry screens using said second module.
- 31.) The method according to claim 30, additionally comprising the step of deleting one of said data entry screens using said second module.
- 32.) The method according to claim 30, wherein at least of one said data entry screens has a list box, additionally comprising the step of editing items in said list box using said second module.
- 33.) The method according to claim 32, additionally comprising the step of controlling navigation between said data entry screens using said second module.
- 34.) The method according to claim 33, additionally comprising the step of

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controlling the syntax	and structure of said natura	l language	report	using
said second module.				

- 35.) A system for gathering and managing patient medical data, comprising:

 a handheld computing device, said handheld computing device
 having loaded in memory a computer module for gathering patient
 medical information, said module having

 a medical data entry screen, said screen allowing a user to input
 patient medical information; and
 means for creating a natural language report and a searchable
 database from said medical information.
- 36.) A system for gathering and managing patient medical data, comprising:

 a handheld computing device, said handheld computing device
 having loaded in memory a computer module for gathering patient
 medical information, said module having

 a medical data entry screen, said screen allowing a user to input
 patient medical information; and
 a matrix within said data entry screen, said matrix allowing a
 user to correlate a body part with a set of modifiers.
- 37.) A software application for gathering and managing patient medical data, comprising:

 a medical data entry screen, said screen allowing a user to input patient medical information; and means for creating a natural language report and a searchable database from said medical information.
- 38.) A software application for gathering and managing patient medical data, comprising:

 a medical data entry screen, said screen allowing a user to input patient medical information; and
 a matrix within said data entry screen, said matrix allowing a user to correlate a body part with a set of modifiers.
- 39.) A method for gathering patient medical data, said method comprising the steps of:

 inputting patient medical information information onto a handheld computing device displaying a medical data entry screen; using said computer to create a natural language report and a searchable database from said medical information.
- 40.) A method for gathering patient medical data, said method comprising the steps of:
 inputting patient medical information information onto a handheld

computing device displaying a medical data entry screen; using a matrix within said data entry screen to correlate a body part with a set of modifiers.